

## House Resolution 14

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the Rules of the House  
3 of Representatives in effect at the adjournment of the 2008 Regular Session of the General  
4 Assembly, "Rules, Ethics, and Decorum of the House of Representatives," are hereby  
5 adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 2009 Regular Session and for  
6 the duration of this General Assembly, with the following amendments:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The Rules of the House are amended by adding a new Rule 1.1 as follows:

9 "1.1 There shall be no speaking into any telephonic device or any audible sounds emitting  
10 from any such device in the House of Representatives Chamber. However, Members may  
11 use messaging capabilities of such devices."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 11.4 as follows:

14 **"11.4** The chairman and secretary of the Committee on Appropriations shall be an ex  
15 officio member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and the chairman and vice  
16 chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means shall be ex officio members of the  
17 Committee on Appropriations. The chairman of the Committee on Ethics shall be an ex  
18 officio member of the Committee on Judiciary. Such ex officio members shall have a vote  
19 on such committees and their subcommittees. The chairman of the Committee on Judiciary  
20 shall be an ex officio member of the Committee on Judiciary, Non-civil. The chairman of  
21 the Committee on Judiciary, Non-civil shall be an ex officio member of the Committee on  
22 Judiciary."

**SECTION 3.**

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 13 as follows:

**"Rule 13.**

**13.1.** Each committee or subcommittee shall first meet upon the call of the chairman and perfect its organization. After the organizational meeting, each committee or subcommittee shall meet upon the call of its chairman. The vice chairman may call a meeting of the committee or subcommittee if the vice chairman obtains a certificate from the Speaker certifying that the chairman is incapacitated or if he or she is directed by the chairman to call the meeting to consider such measures as specified by the chairman. Each subcommittee shall be subject to the will of its parent standing committee and the officers thereof.

**13.2.** No bill shall be reported to the House until it has been acted upon by the standing committee, and all actions of any subcommittee shall be submitted to its parent standing committee."

**SECTION 4.**

Said rules are further amended by revising Rules 18.2 and 18.3 and adding Rule 18.4 as follows:

**"18.2.** When the committee staff reports to the chairman that local legislation meets the technical requirements for which the staff inspects and has been signed by the requisite local delegation members under Rule 18.1, the legislation shall be favorably reported as a matter of course, without the necessity of action by the committee, unless otherwise ordered by the chairman or the committee. Rule ~~13~~ 13.2 shall not apply to legislation reported under this Rule.

**18.3.** When local legislation has been favorably reported in accordance with Rule 18.2, such legislation shall be considered by the House under Rule 33.2(d).

**18.4.** No local bill or resolution referred to the committee shall be released to any person, including members of the House, except upon the condition that such person shall return the bill or resolution to the chairman of the Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs within six hours of the chairman's request to do so."

**SECTION 5.**

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 33.5 as follows:

**"33.5** Rule 33.2 shall not apply with respect to amendments to ~~the following classes of legislation: (1) Local legislation; and (2) Privileged~~ privileged resolutions."